THE MYSTERIES OF GOD

RESTORATION OF THE SOUL, PART 3

We have discussed in past writings the fact that mankind was created spirit and is the offspring of God, who is spirit. We are reminded that *in Him we live, and in Him we move, and in Him we have our being, for we are His offspring*. The 'Him' referred to here is God, as that is our true origin. But perhaps more applicable to our daily life is the fact that we came out of that first and only man that God created in the beginning, Christ Jesus. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 2:10 that we were created in Christ Jesus, the first and only man God created. He was therefore a <u>corporate man</u>, for in Him all of mankind was created to be the offspring of God just as He is.

But in Genesis 1:28, that first man was required to be <u>fruitful</u> and <u>multiply</u> and fill the earth. Christ Jesus was faithful and did what His Father told Him to do. This is recorded for us in Genesis 2:7 where the first <u>earth man</u> - <u>Adam's body</u> - was formed.

This assignment was passed on to all mankind, as God never created another man. So, for the earth to be filled with the <u>offspring of God</u>, all of mankind was required to be fruitful and multiply and to fill the earth. Adam's birthing did not involve an egg and a sperm; it was a spiritual reproduction <u>out of that first man</u> as God intended. Adam received the breath of God as his life. This life functioned through that body made from the dust which came out of God, just as everything in creation did, for there was nothing there before creation. In that body Adam walked and talked with God in unity and oneness, for God dwelt <u>in him</u>.

THE FIRST EARTH MAN

To those of you who are reading this word, *please consider each sentence carefully*, *as we are speaking about spiritual issues that are not familiar to our natural way of thinking*. In this reproduction of this first man who is Christ Jesus, the process began with the forming of the body which He himself would have at a future time on the earth at Bethlehem.

Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me. (Hebrews 10:5)

This formation of a body was accomplished through a virgin called Mary: Christ Jesus began life as a baby, whereas Adam was a fully formed man. When this was completed, there was the <u>form of a man</u> as we understand him to exist today. It lies there on the earth absolutely complete but it has no <u>life</u>, and therefore it cannot move or function. This is very important for us to understand, because we are learning something about how we are made. The body is <u>not you</u>; it is simply the house that you live in, because you are spirit and that spirit is God. And this is true for <u>all mankind</u>.

We are told how life was transmitted to this body, as there was no blood transfusion administered. In Genesis 2:7 we read,

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

The <u>life</u> that the first man Christ Jesus received was <u>spirit</u> - direct from God. And now this earth man received that same spirit life as the breath of God was breathed into his nostrils. So it was the same <u>life</u> that Christ Jesus received from God that was transmitted as the *"breath of God"* through the nostrils of the man. This is followed by the statement that <u>Adam became a living soul</u>.

Adam the <u>man</u>, and the body made from the dust, were two separate entities. The body was not Adam, for the body was only the house in which the spirit which was Adam would live. Remember that Adam walked with God in perfect harmony and oneness every day, for the spirit in him was that same spirit that was in Christ Jesus. You may be surprised to know that Paul said in Romans 8:11,

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwells in you."

We are observing the will and purposes of God being established in the man Adam who was being prepared for his role on the earth. You will notice that this man the product of Christ Jesus - was a manifestation of Himself (Christ), who transmitted the life (spirit) he received from God to the body He had formed for this 'earth man' Adam in Genesis 2:1-3. Having a body did not change the man's identity, nor did it affect the dominion given to him over all the works of God's hands. These works included taking care of the Garden of Eden and the supply of living water for the whole earth.

It is important for us to see the Garden of Eden, not as some fantasy 'Garden' that existed in the distant past; we must see it as a present day <u>spiritual reality</u>, installed in all of mankind. This is a spiritual '*place*' referred to in Psalm 91:1.

He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

This is where peace and love reign supreme and where there is no lack of any kind, for everything we require is made available. But beyond all that, this 'Garden' is a place where your heavenly <u>Father</u> says, *"I will meet you there any time of the day or night to fellowship together and share love."* In that 'Garden' you can never feel lonely, never feel sick, and never know lack for anything.

Finally, there is within your 'Garden' a fountain of <u>living water</u> sufficient to meet your needs and the needs of all mankind. It is ready to flow as a river to the ends of the earth to meet the needs of others. This is that *'secret place'* within us today where we can hear the voice of God, and where we can walk with God anytime day or night.

IT IS NOT GOOD FOR THE MAN TO BE ALONE

We began this series of writings with the statement that <u>God is a mystery</u>. This mystery is very obvious in the events that we are now going to discuss. As we explore these things, let us be mindful of the words of the prophet Isaiah 55:8,

"For <u>my thoughts</u> are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways, <u>my</u> <u>ways.....my word</u> shall not return unto me without producing the effect I desire, but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it will prosper in the thing that I have sent it to do."

We are told that it was the Lord God who made the statement, "It is not good for the man Adam to be alone, so I will make a <u>help meet</u> for him." Every adjustment made to Adam (the <u>earth man</u>) was to fit him to begin his existence in accordance with the established will and purpose of God, which was determined before creation had begun. There is nothing that was added as a requirement in order for Adam to adjust to unforeseen circumstances in his life. God's plan for the ages was complete from the beginning, and everything in history is right on schedule. Having said all that, the truth is that God is sovereign in this universe, but His authority and control is completely unseen and unknown by mankind on this earth.

Adam was then put into a deep sleep in order to make a <u>help meet</u> for him. In our natural thinking, we would wonder why this was necessary. This man was spirit (which is male and female functioning as one), making him unique among all the creatures God had formed. But it becomes obvious that Adam was being prepared for his future role as the <u>earth **man**</u>. If he remained as he was, then he could walk with God forever in perfect harmony. But there would be no choices for him to make, and the <u>love</u> relationship God desired to have with His son would not be there.

For <u>love</u> to be genuine, it must be a personal, deliberate choice on the part of a person. It is for this reason that the Lord God decided to put Adam into a deep sleep while the Lord God made some adjustments to him. Up until this time, Adam was not required to make any choices except to obey God's word and to be obedient.

This experience brought into the life of Adam a great change by introducing another creature made from the '<u>rib</u>' that was taken out of him. To accomplish this, Adam's spiritual perfection had to be masked but not actually altered. So he was put into a deep sleep which rendered him unconscious. Up to this point in his life, he had walked with God in perfect unity and oneness, and there was nothing that provided an alternative that would affect their relationship.

Had Adam remained in his state of spiritual perfection, his relationship with God would never have been any more than an involuntary activity, with no initiated response coming from Adam. With that being the case, Adam would never have known obedience to Father's voice, and nor would God have known if Adam's <u>love</u> was genuine. The '<u>help meet</u>,' as the Hebrew word suggests, was to be a <u>test</u> to determine if Adam would still deliberately choose to fellowship with God or choose an alternative.

The scriptures say,

"The Lord God took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh instead, and the rib which the Lord God had taken from the Man, made He a <u>woman</u>, and brought her to the man." (Genesis 2:21-22) When Adam saw her, this is what he said.

"You are bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh, and you were taken out of me therefore I am calling you woman (Hebrew: *ishshah*) because you were taken out of me." (Genesis 2:23)

If Adam had retained his true consciousness, he would have looked at that woman and said, "<u>Who are you</u>, and where did you come from?" But he did not, for he knew the woman was now part of his life.

Man today in this world sees the woman as a separate entity on the earth, which means that most Christians believe that God created both a man and a woman, which is not true. But the result has been that man's true identity has been lost - by mankind believing the female part of the spirit of Adam was literally removed. Adam expressed his condition as being <u>naked</u>, for the female part of his spirit being was now on the outside and exposed for all to see.

The truth is that all of mankind has now become that '<u>woman</u>,' who is the <u>living</u> <u>soul</u>. Everybody born on the earth since Adam has been birthed out of a <u>woman</u>. Therefore our identity is no longer seen as being the offspring of God, in <u>His likeness</u> <u>and image</u> - which would require that we see ourselves as originating out of God.

But the issue that concerns me is that the authority that was given to Adam in creation in Genesis 1:26 no longer functions in those who claim to be the sons of God, because they see themselves only as the offspring of the woman. This changed the whole scene for Adam, because now he is no longer what he previously believed himself to be, which is spirit, or male and female. The spirit cannot function unless the male and the female function together as one.

We are discussing Adam in the Garden of Eden, but mankind today faces exactly the same problem, and has the same response. Man now has the problem of two competing voices - both purporting to speak the <u>truth</u>. These two voices are the voice of the Holy Spirit that dwells within, and the voice of our intelligence, or the carnal or natural <u>mind</u>. This is the birth place of the confusion that is called Christianity in the world today. How can one intelligent man declare that God is <u>love</u> dwelling in all mankind who are His <u>offspring</u> according to Acts 17:26, while another equally intelligent man declares with authority that all men are sinners by birth and are going to hell unless they repent and receive Christ?

These two opinions are not similar in any respect and present God as two totally opposing characters. The answer is that these men are listening to two <u>different</u> voices. One is the voice of God that is spirit - male and female dwelling in man. The other man is listening to the voice that the woman listened to in the Garden of Eden, which was not the voice of the spirit, but the voice of the serpent which is the carnal mind. This is the mind in which our intellect functions, the mind of our human intelligence. However, very few people today understand the basis of this confusion.

The <u>woman</u> from the Garden of Eden is the <u>living soul</u> which consists of the <u>mind</u>, the emotions and the <u>will</u>. The living soul also has control over the body, which is needed for reproduction. But being separated from the spirit man, her natural or carnal mind was easily deceived and has remained under the spell of the serpent. This polluted mind is now the cause of religious confusion that is in the world today. But it is also responsible for all sickness, pain and suffering and death.

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is <u>death</u> but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (Romans 8:5)

How can we describe the woman from God's point of view? Can we define the woman and her purpose in the will of God who appears on the earth? My answer is "Yes."

First of all, let us describe this woman as God sees her today. God sees her as <u>created spirit</u>, which is male and female exactly the same as the <u>man</u>. The difference is only in the <u>body</u>, which was never created but was <u>formed</u> by the Lord God. Psalm 139 tells us plainly that God brought the parts of our body together when there was nothing there.

As for the purpose of the woman, she is the test that determines if a <u>man</u> truly loves God. Is the man listening for God's voice - the voice of the <u>spirit</u> which is God within and which is male and female? Will the man obey implicitly what he hears, thus feeling totally fulfilled within himself? The entry of the woman into the Garden of Eden changed everything. However, we need to remember that the woman was an integral part of Adam who was created spirit in which the male and the female were absolutely equal, with no separate agenda for each. Together they were the true expression of the man.

In the appearing of the woman we need to recognize that we are not simply seeing a being separate from Adam; she represents an aspect of Adam himself. We are observing a different aspect of Adam that expresses himself quite differently to God, especially in terms of love. But now, without the connection of the male and female aspect, spirit has been disrupted and can be easily led in different directions.

While Adam functioned as spirit, the balance between the male and the female manifested the nature and character of God. Neither the male nor the female were dominant, but the two together produced a beautiful harmony of expression. History is littered with the fights and struggles between the males and the females in this world, each reaching for dominance.

But here in the Garden of Eden, we are to discover a truth that has been overlooked. What happened in Genesis 2:21-22 <u>is not literal</u>, for it is an <u>allegory</u>. This is the key that unlocks the truth for us. We may judge Adam for falsely assuming that the woman he saw was an integral part of himself and so accepted her as his help meet. Then, when she was deceived by the serpent and ate the fruit God told them not to eat, Adam joined her, but not in disobedience. We need to know that Adam was Christ, and so he knew deep within himself that everything that took place in the Garden was part of a complete plan to see all men bowing the knee to God and confessing Jesus Christ as Lord.

The truth about the woman being taken out of him to have her own identity may have been hidden from his eyes for that time, but he could still hear the voice of God, and still responded to that <u>voice</u> in the garden. This signifies that the male and female spirit was still functioning together in Adam. But the deep sleep that had been put on Adam has thrown a veil over the mind of mankind. It was a part of the fitting of Adam for his role on the earth outside the Garden of Eden. Notice that God did not address the woman when Adam hid from the Lord. He only dealt with Adam for they were <u>one</u>. Most people reading the account in Genesis of the Garden experience of Adam automatically assume that the woman we see in this world today is an entity separate from the <u>man</u>. Even to this day Christians have assumed that what happened in the Garden of Eden was <u>literal</u>. And so since that time, we believe God somehow created the woman who is different from the man. If this is so, then Adam is still in us, hiding from God; and mankind is blaming the woman for all our problems.

However it may shock many people to know that God never created a woman. Many Christians believe that Adam was 'created' in Genesis 2:7. But this is not true, because the word 'create' does not appear in this verse at all. It is the Hebrew word *yatsar {yaw-tsar'}*, meaning to <u>form</u>, <u>fashion</u> or <u>frame</u>. But in Genesis 1:27 we find the word 'created', which is the Hebrew word *bara {baw-raw'}*, meaning to create - but always with God as the subject.

There is only <u>one man</u> that God <u>created</u>, and that <u>one man</u> is Christ Jesus in Genesis 1:27, His <u>only Son</u>. But we know that this <u>man</u> was a corporate <u>man</u>, for <u>in Him</u> was all of mankind. Therefore, that spirit that is Christ Jesus must be in <u>all of mankind</u>. And whatever Christ is, must also be what mankind is. Such a statement is totally rejected by Babylon and the whole religious systems of the world. They believe instead that a man born into this world through a woman is a sinner and under condemnation from God because of what they call the 'original <u>sin</u>.'

Because of this, the Gospel that has been preached all over the world declares that mankind is under divine condemnation. This Gospel demands that all must repent, confess their sin and receive Jesus Christ into our lives to be saved. The Gospel continues by declaring that there is an alternative to being saved and going to heaven when you die. That is, God has prepared a place of eternal torment where all those who refuse to repent will be sent to be tortured forever and ever in hell.

After 2000 years of preaching this Gospel all over the world there are now more heathen than ever. Many Christians are turning to Islam, declaring the Gospel does not work for them. As a result, Islam is growing at a much faster rate than Christianity, even though Islam has been on the earth for a much shorter time than the Gospel. Beloved, it is time to become honest and admit that the Church has continued to <u>divide</u> <u>the world</u>, in spite of the fact that Paul teaches us that *there is only <u>one</u> body*. It is my conviction that those who represent Christ today need to take a long hard look at what we believe, and discover if what we believe has any true <u>reality</u> attached to it that we can demonstrate to others as proof that we have <u>the truth</u>.

Let me give you two examples from the scriptures. These were men who turned the tide of apostasy that existed in their day amongst the people who had wandered away from God:

<u>Elijah</u> challenged the 450 Prophets of Baal, discrediting them - not by a religious discourse - but by a demonstration of the power of God, as opposed to the multiplicity of religious concepts which fail to find a true expression in the world. Elijah <u>called</u> <u>down</u> the fire of God instead of <u>preaching on</u> the power of God. The people needed to see a demonstration of this wonderful God with whom <u>nothing is impossible</u>. Elijah brought revival to Israel and destroyed the religion of Baal at that time.

And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word." (1 Kings 18:36)

Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. (1 Kings 18:38)

The second example is <u>Moses</u>, who had just returned from 40 days in the presence of God on the top of the mountain, to find God's people Israel worshiping a <u>golden calf</u>. He brought a challenge to Israel in their heathen worship: to declare openly if they were willing to stand against the tide of religious apostasy and <u>stand for Christ</u>.

Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, "Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come unto me." And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. (Exodus 32:26)

For Moses had said, "*Consecrate yourselves today to the Lord*." Moses was raised up of the Lord to become the deliverer of Israel from slavery in Egypt, and this is what is needed in the world today.

So we ask the question, where are the people like <u>Elijah</u> and <u>Moses</u> and many others who have spent time in the presence of God to hear His voice and do what He says, and who can function in the power of the Holy Spirit with divine authority? It is not better preachers that the world is looking for, but those who have touched the reality of the Christ dwelling within, who can demonstrate His reality, power and authority. What is needed is that the dominion that was given man in the beginning must be restored for the whole world to see. This is the reason why Jesus Christ declared,

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (John 14:12)

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MAN

In Ephesians 1:17,

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him:

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling [the divine purpose for which Man was created], <u>and</u> what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints [heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ],

<u>And</u> what is the exceeding greatness of His power [inherent] in us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought [made to function and become evident] in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

For <u>as He is</u>, so are we <u>in this world</u>. And what it means, is that...)

He has put all things [including the head of the serpent] *under the feet of the Christ* [who is our true identity], *and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church*,

...The *Ekklesia*, the called out ones who are responsible for the establishment of the Kingdom constitution on the earth <u>in this our day</u>, <u>and</u>...

Which is His body, [designed and equipped to express Christ, who is] *the fullness of* <u>God</u> *that fills all in all.* (*Ephesians* 1:17-23)

Please read the above slowly and allow the truth to be implanted deep within your consciousness, so that it may find its expression in our everyday life.

Man was created in the likeness and the image of God and given dominion over all the works of God's hands. Yet, my own life many years ago as a Preacher barely showed any resemblance to the nature and character of God: I was fearful and afraid of many things. I could trace this condition back to the Garden of Eden. Adam, under the deep sleep that was put upon him in Genesis 2:21-22, looked at the woman and what he saw was 'flesh and blood'. And he saw that she was apart of himself who now existed as a separate entity; therefore he was no longer complete in himself.

As he looked at the woman, his awareness of his own true identity was challenged, for he knew his own identity was out of Christ Jesus (Genesis 2:7). So what was he now to believe? This woman was not the product of the creative power of God as was the first **man** Christ Jesus. Paul declares in Ephesians 2:10 that *all mankind was created in that one Son*, and so all were also required to be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth with the <u>God-kind</u> of people.

I want to ask you, "Who is this woman, and where did she come from?" We are told that she was made from a <u>rib</u> taken from Adam; but we know that the only female that God created was part of the Spirit which is God, and also, so was the <u>man</u> He created in Genesis 1:26. God is spirit, therefore His offspring must also be spirit. This spirit is male and female functioning together as <u>one</u>.

But obviously it was the will and purpose of God that Adam should be tested - which is the meaning of the word <u>help meet</u>. Adam was totally sufficient within himself, as was God who according to James 1:18, <u>of His own will</u> God begat us - no help required from anyone else. The Lord God, who declared that it was not good for the man to be alone, is the <u>man</u> of Genesis 1:26.

Let us focus on those who know Christ and believe that He dwells in them. It is obvious that this is a hollow belief - as long as we recognize the woman on the outside walking around. We have discovered here the flaw in our religious concepts concerning spirit and spirituality. We cannot know <u>Christ</u> in reality while there is a woman walking on the outside. This does not fit the total concept of the <u>man</u> created in Genesis 1:26.

We must face the fact that <u>God never created a woman</u>. I confess to you readers today, that I was struck dumb when I began to see this duality that did not exist in the creation of man - a duality that did not exist even in the earth man <u>Adam</u> when he was formed in Genesis 2:7. In that form, Adam was still spirit - which is male and female functioning together as <u>one</u> - walking in fellowship with God every day in unity and oneness. But once the woman appeared externally, Adam was afraid of God and hid himself. Could this be the reason why those who claim to be Christians do not enjoy the daily fellowship and communion with God on a daily basis?

Did not Paul declare that, *"In God we <u>live</u> and <u>move</u> and <u>have our being</u>?" Yet, this does not match our true experience. Why do Christians get sick, but in most cases cannot find the Christ dwelling in us able to release us from the power of sickness? Why are Christians so infatuated with the many machines that are being built, using them to try and help us to overcome sickness, but the Christ within cannot help us? I am going to tell you the answer to all these questions as Father is revealing it to me.*

THE ANSWER

We read in Genesis 2:21-22 that the Lord God caused a deep sleep to come upon Adam, so what was to take place would not be a part of his conscious knowledge. Adam was unconscious and had no part in what was happening here. He neither agreed to what was done to him nor did he disagree, but it was the decision of the Lord God.

I mentioned earlier that Adam was going through some adjustments that were designed to fit him for life on this earth. It would be very easy to challenge what the Lord God wanted to do, but the ways of God are past finding out (or are unchartable). I have had to seek the knowledge I needed from the Lord, and not from books or other sources. Many have never asked the Lord these questions; we have just accepted the situation as it exists.

What is recorded in Genesis 2:21-22 is not literal, and here are two reasons for saying this. The first is that spirit cannot be divided. God is spirit, and if spirit could be divided, then you could divide God, but that us impossible. Israel declared many times, *"Our God is <u>one Lord."</u>* Then the second reason is that <u>spirit has no gender</u>. There is no such thing as a <u>male spirit</u> or a <u>female spirit</u>; there is only <u>spirit</u>, which is male and female functioning together as <u>one</u>.

It is on the sixth day of creation that we see the man, but he is pure spirit with no form or body. This man is Christ Jesus, who is pure spirit. The man Adam, who was to inhabit the earth, was yet to come. Remember that God only created <u>one man</u> in Genesis 1:26. Paul tells us in Ephesians 2:10 that **all of mankind** was created in that <u>one man</u>, and in Genesis 1:28 that man was told to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. If he failed to do this, then God's plan for all mankind would be lost forever, as God never created another man.

So in Genesis 2:7 we find that <u>man</u> Christ Jesus forming a body from the dust of the earth. He knew that God required man to have a body, because that body was to be God's <u>temple</u> - or dwelling place - on the earth (1 Corinthians 6:19). However, when the body was complete, it had no life in it, so the Lord God *Jehovah Elohim* <u>breathed</u> into the nostrils of that earth man the same life he had received from God.

Christ brought forth a manifestation of Himself as God required Him. This was <u>Adam</u> who was put into the Garden of Eden to dress and keep it. This is not the first <u>man</u>, but the first <u>earth man</u> with a body made from the dust. The only difference between these two men is that Adam had a body and Christ had no body, but they were both the same spirit. The assignment given to Christ in Genesis 1:28 applies to every man, for every man came out of Christ. "*As He is so are we in this world*." If mankind fails to reproduce as God required, then the covenant God has made with Noah and Abraham will fail. The everlasting covenant was to <u>Abraham and to his seed</u>.

Paul tells us that Abraham's seed is Christ. So the assignment given to man was not simply to have children as most Christians have done with an egg and a sperm. Man, being spirit which is male and female, has the capacity to bring forth out of himself, just as the first <u>man</u> Christ Jesus was able to bring forth the first <u>earth man</u> Adam in Genesis 2:7. About 4000 years later, a virgin woman was able to bring forth the Christ man without the help of a man. It was a spiritual birthing which brought forth Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. All the promises of God have been given to Abraham's seed, and not simply to us as mortal beings. The reason why Christians today cannot see those promises functioning in themselves is because they do not believe they are the seed of Abraham - who is <u>Christ</u>.

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Galatians 3:29)

But let me paraphrase this verse to make the truth clearer.

And if Christ is your true reality, functioning in you and able to express Himself in and through you, then you are Abraham's seed - <u>which is Christ</u>. (Galatians 3:29, paraphrased)

Many Christians have been taught that Christ dwells in us today, which is perfectly true. But that fact alone does not necessarily mean that Christ can express Himself through us as He did when He was on the earth. Why cannot the Christ in us keep us from being sick? Is the Christ in us today the same Christ that walked this earth 2000 years ago? Yes, because there is only one <u>Christ</u>. So to be <u>Christ's</u> means that our body is His Holy Temple, and Christ is dwelling within, expressing Himself through that body just as he did 2000 years ago through the body of Jesus.

However, the Christ dwelling in His people today cannot be fully revealed because of our inability to understand the female part of our spirit, which is now separated. We consider that the female part of the spirit that is Christ is now walking around outside of us. But this is not so, because spirit cannot be separated, and the female part of our spirit is still in us.

It seems that we need to be constantly reminded that Genesis 2:21-22 is an <u>allegory</u> and not literal. Man has become a <u>living soul</u>, and this means that he is living and functioning through the <u>soulish</u> aspect of being, which is under the authority of the

<u>carnal mind</u>, and not the spirit of God. We must know that we are spirit, and that spirit is male and female functioning together as one, and that spirit is <u>Christ</u>.

The proof of our separation is our lack of power and authority to function as the Christ in the world today. We tell the world of our great God who created us in His likeness and image and gave us dominion over all the work of His hands, yet we suffer from sickness and disease and have no power over these things. It is no wonder that the world is not impressed with out rhetoric and vain claims about being the sons of God. We claim that, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," but have no power to demonstrate what we claim. We have not learned to differentiate between the male and the female part of our spirit and their role in our life today.

THE BIRTHING OF THE CHRIST

Jesus was the one born of Mary the virgin, who was told that she would be pregnant and would give birth to a Son, and would will call his name Jesus (*Jehoshua* = 'Jehovah is salvation'). "*He will be great and will be called <u>the Son of the most high God</u>." The only Son God ever created was that first man in Genesis 1:26, who was spirit. Now, after several thousand years of human history, in which <u>man</u> had forgotten his true identity and where he came from, God's <u>original Son</u> was born in Bethlehem. The birthing of Jesus - through a virgin without the help of a man - is considered by the natural mind to be fantasy. The reason for this is because mankind has little or no concept of the function of <u>spirit</u> or <u>spirituality</u>.*

It is recorded in Hebrews 10:5,

Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, "Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but a body hast Thou prepared me."

That body was formed in the virgin's womb, but the <u>spirit</u> that is <u>Christ</u> was never born, but was dropped into that little fetus by the <u>Father</u> at the appropriate time. There has been very little teaching on <u>Spiritual Reproduction</u>, so the majority of Christians are ignorant of that aspect of Spirit.

Once we understand that the Christ-spirit is male and female functioning together as one, the virgin birth of Jesus Christ is no longer a mystery. But until we understand that we all are spirit, and that it is an essential part of our responsibility to *"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth with the God kind of people,"* we will remain ignorant of the truth.

We have thought that to produce children by using an 'egg and a sperm' was what God wanted. But so many of those children followed the world and became involved in an ungodly life style, and never followed God. But in James 1:18, we are told,

Of <u>His own will</u> [Needing no woman to help], *God begat us, with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of the God kind of His creatures.*

Adam, outside the Garden of Eden, brought forth his first child but only with the help of his wife Eve, and that child was a murderer. No Christian can guarantee his children will walk in the ways of God while we are dependent upon the woman to reproduce.

It is interesting to notice the different paths each took in the Garden of Eden. First of all, Adam gave the woman a name; he called her <u>Eve</u>, because she was the mother of all living, as she had the womb. But her name in the Hebrew language is *ishshah*, which literally means '<u>man-ess</u>', or the female 'man with the womb.' It is interesting to note that as soon as the 'woman' was formed, she seemed to have no attraction either to Adam or to walking with God; she immediately set off on a course of her own and was met by a serpent. The entire conversation Eve had, concerned the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, which Adam was told not to eat of the fruit. God said, *"The day you eat of the fruit you will die."*

In looking for a parallel in the life of Jesus Christ, I was drawn to the account in Luke 2 where the lad Jesus did not follow His mother but was 'lost' for three days. They eventually found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, both listening and asking questions, and the people were amazed at His intelligence and understanding.

His mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been looking for you distressed and tormented." But He replied, "How is it that you had to look (search) for me? Did you not know and understand that it is essential for me to be <u>in my Father's house</u>, and being occupied about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:48,49) But the scriptures declare that His parents did not understand who He was, or his true spiritual responsibility. Many Christians could not get 'lost' in this world, for so many are living as a part of it, having never understood the truth that we <u>are created spirit from another world</u>; therefore we are not a part of this material world. Paul declared in Acts 17:28,

For in Him, (**Elohim**) we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring.

To be the offspring of God, we must be spirit - the same as <u>He is</u> and originating out of Him. To fit us to live in this material world, He <u>formed</u> a body for us out of the dust of the earth, which also came out of God.

Everyone is responsible to birth the Christ - but not physically. The Christ that we must birth first is <u>our own true</u> identity</u>, so that we can live and function as the Christ in whom we were created in the beginning. Only then will we also regain our dominion over all the works of God's hands given to us in creation. Until we actually birth the Christ within ourselves, we will remain as a '<u>living soul</u>,' instead of being able to open the waters of the Red Sea to release Israel from the power and might of the whole Egyptian Army. We are born as <u>kings</u> but most live as paupers, and are subject to sickness, pain, suffering and death.

WHAT IS THE RESTORATION OF THE SOUL?

First of all, restoration of the soul takes place by understanding what happened to Adam in the Garden of Eden, which has also affected us in exactly the same way. We must grasp the <u>truth</u> about the woman before we can see our <u>soul restored to her</u> <u>rightful place</u>. Fact number one is that God <u>never created a woman</u>. I have read the Bible through many times over the years, and nowhere have I seen where God created a woman. In creation we are told God said, "<u>Let us make man</u>," not a <u>man</u> and a <u>woman</u>. Notice that there was no reason for God to create a woman because the <u>man</u> was created <u>spirit</u>, which is male and female functioning as <u>one</u>. So there is no reason at all for God to ever create a woman as a separate entity.

<u>Spirit</u> has no <u>gender</u>, because there is no such thing as a <u>male spirit</u> or a <u>female</u> <u>spirit</u>; there is only <u>spirit</u>, which is male and female functioning as <u>one</u>. Please understand; we are speaking about <u>spirit</u>, and this has nothing to do with anything physical or material. From Genesis 1:1, there was nothing physical or material in the creation of the heavens and the Earth until the <u>word</u> - or the <u>first man</u> who was Christ Jesus - <u>made</u> or gave form to everything that God had created in the spirit, including the <u>man</u> in Genesis 2:7.

All things were made and came into visibility through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. (John 1:3)

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear, or are material. (Hebrews 11:3)

These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. (Genesis 2:4)

Most Christians have not discovered why the Lord God said that it was not good for the man to be alone, in the context of the Father's will. The separation of the male and the female was to allow the man to prove his obedience to the Father's voice, by providing an alternative attraction by which he could make personal choices to prove his love for God. However Adam failed the test, as God declared the future for both the man and the woman. God said,

Unto the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception [by an egg and a sperm]; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children [because they may not fulfill your expectations]; and your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you." (Genesis 3:16)

Please understand that all of mankind became that woman, not just the woman on the earth today. In the affairs of man on this earth today it is the <u>living soul</u> that is leading the nations - hence the wars and the crime and the inequality we see on every hand.

To the man God said,

"Because you listened to the <u>voice of your wife</u> (instead of <u>My voice</u>) and have eaten of the tree, which I commanded you saying, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground for your sake, in sorrow shall you eat of it all the days of your life. Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth unto you and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your brow shall you eat bread, until you return unto the ground for out of it you were taken, for you are dust and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19)

But in the midst of all their failure, we find God declaring the ultimate redemption of all mankind in verse 14 :

And the Lord God said unto the serpent, "Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

<u>Christ</u>, who is the <u>seed</u> of the woman who had failed the test in the Garden, was to be the instrument in the hand of the Lord to destroy the <u>serpent</u>, thus setting the female free and returning her to her rightful position in glorious union as <u>one</u> with <u>Christ</u>.

Now let us explore how the will of God is brought to pass in our lives today. God is love, and so it is important that we learn to respond to Him in obedience based upon love. This is how it works: in a Christian family functioning in love, if the parents say to their children, "Now I would like you to take care of a few things, such as keep your bedroom tidy and help in some of the chores that need to be done around the house." If those children have been raised in <u>love</u> they will say "Yes, we will do whatever you say." That is true obedience and a response in love.

But if the children are like so many in Christian families today who refuse to do what the parents ask of them, then what is the alternative? The answer is <u>law</u>. So now the request to the children carries with it a penalty - that if the children do not submit to the will of the parents, then the children's pocket money will be stopped, and their television rights will be taken away. So now, the children do what the parents ask, but

is that obedience? <u>No</u>, that is not obedience; that is doing what they have to do because they do not want to pay the penalty. That is not obedience.

Beloved, it works exactly the same for us Christians. God wants us to <u>obey His</u> <u>voice</u>, because that is <u>obedience</u>. Jesus told us, "*My sheep <u>hear my voice</u> and they follow me*." But many are not interested in hearing His voice, but instead make decisions based upon verses in the Bible. And this is not <u>obedience</u>.

If a man is before the elders because he had fallen into adultery, other Christians proudly declare that they have never committed adultery, feeling a sense of pride. <u>But</u> how many had looked upon a woman with lust, without ever actually committing the act? (Matthew 5:28) Why did they refrain? Was it out of true obedience? <u>No</u>, because they believed that God would be angry with them if they did commit adultery, so they refrained because of the <u>fear</u> of judgment. That is not obedience.

We have another problem, and that is so many Christians believe that we do not need to hear the voice of God because we now have the Bible. This results in Christians trying to live by verses in the Bible - which again is not true obedience, for we interpret scripture with our intellect - which is the natural mind that is an enemy of God. It is God's **voice** that must be obeyed. Jesus said, *"My <u>sheep hear my voice</u> and they follow me."*

However, so many Christians have never heard the voice of God, nor do they understand how it can be heard. God does not speak in the audio range because He is <u>spirit</u>. But, that spirit which is God dwells in every man, and is 'hard wired' into every cell of our body. The spirit is the only source of life that our body has. So, for every cell to live, it must be connected to that spirit. Every blood cell and nerve cell, brain cell and heart cell is directly connected to the spirit in you. Therefore it is no problem for us to receive information from the Christ dwelling in us. It is not a human voice; it is a '<u>knowing</u>' that is transmitted to our understanding by which we can '<u>hear</u>' what God is saying, and we can also respond to Him without using words.

The prophets had no problem hearing what God was saying to them. Abraham's life journey began when he was a heathen man worshiping Molock, but one day he heard a voice. How could God speak to a heathen man, when most Christians say they have not heard God's voice? The answer is because Christ, who is God, dwells in every

man - even the heathen. Abraham never had a map, but his life's journey was made known to him from within.

This is what the Christ wants to do for everyone, if we only knew it. The Apostle Paul obviously had revelation of the issues that are raised in this study, and so he makes an amazing statement in Galatians 3:27:

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is <u>neither male nor</u> <u>female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.</u> And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

So Paul understood that the whole concept of male and female would be brought to an end by being baptized into Christ - which would eliminate the whole male/female issue, restoring both the male and the female to their original <u>one-ness</u> in creation. When we mention baptism, most people think in terms of water baptism, but this was only a 'type', and the very first step along the pathway of redemption before the Cross. It was introduced by John the Baptist in the Jordan River for the people of that time.

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, <u>one baptism</u>, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (Ephesians 4:4)

Paul leaves no doubt that there is only <u>one baptism</u> that is the reality of what all the other baptisms represent. In our human experience, we needed someone to administer baptism for us to experience its benefits. This is so in water baptism, and usually in the baptism in the Holy Spirit, as we have progressed in our relationship with God. However, as we look at Acts 2:1 we read,

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:1-4) So the first thing we notice is that this 'baptism' was not at the request of the people and follows no human consent as to when it should take place, nor as to how it is to be administered. It is recorded that it simply took place when certain conditions prevailed among the sons of God. So the day of Pentecost is not a date on the calendar for us, but a spiritual condition within the family of God when the saints *were all in one accord in one place*. They all functioned out of the same mind which was the mind of Christ - unified in their will, desires and their purpose.

Only the spirit of God can so bring a people together in such a way, as today most Christians all have their own opinion about most things, ever as to the character of God. Beloved, if this is the required condition for this life-changing experience to occur, then God's people have a lot to do to see the 'flesh' dethroned and Christ exalted, expressing Himself through a single <u>mind</u>.

We are told they *'heard something,'* and to them it was a <u>sound</u> from the spirit realm which we call heaven, like a rushing mighty <u>wind</u> (Spirit). Paul heard it in 1Corinthians 15:52, but he heard it as a <u>trumpet sound</u>, which is a symbol of the voice of God. Next, they saw something, so this was the second spiritual faculty to be opened in this people - their spiritual eyes. What they saw was *'cloven tongues like as of fire,'* that sat upon each of them, symbolizing the purifying fire of God that produced true holiness.

The wind represents the voice of God that *filled all <u>the house</u>* of God - referring to our body. Every cell in our body must hear that voice and when they do, they will then respond to Christ, the **King**, and function in obedience to Him. The *'cloven tongues of fire'* speaks of the Word (Christ) dividing asunder between the *soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow*, representing the <u>spiritual</u> - the soul and spirit; and the <u>physical</u> - the joints and the marrow, *and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart* (Hebrews 4:12). This experience allowed the people to be <u>filled with the Holy Spirit</u>, which replaced their whole intellectual knowledge with that of the Spirit.

There was no man to administer this transforming experience; the whole experience was orchestrated by the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, which for Israel was 50 days after the resurrection of Christ, to which it is purposely linked. It speaks to us of that <u>new creation life</u> which found expression in the resurrected Christ, and which is made available to us ever since - exceeding all the limitations of the mortal life that Christians have falsely called the Christian life.

Most Christians do not believe they have eternal life right now, being convinced that they must die physically to get rid of their body of dust, and go to a place called 'heaven' after they die. And then God will give them a new heavenly body in which they can live forever. So Pentecost is not really an issue for so many today.

Jesus Christ did not die to go to heaven to get another body, for the change took place right here on the earth when he walked out of the tomb. Neither do we need to mark a specific date on the calendar, as the **Day of Pentecost** has nothing to do with our calendar. The Holy Spirit knows the 'thoughts and intents' of the heart; so that when we meet his requirements which are described for us clearly in Acts 2:1-4 Pentecost will be fulfilled in us. It can only come when God's people are in one accord, and in **one place**.

Where would we go today to see 120 Christians in <u>one accord</u> in one place? Most Christians have established their own belief system, with the help of the multitude of Church groupings, each one believing they are right and others are wrong. But the sad fact is that Jesus said, *"The things that I do you can do also, because I go to the Father,"* and such a promise has hardly ever been fulfilled through God's people today. Sickness and disease, adverse circumstances like poverty, failed marriages, rebellious children, and a host of other issues plague the lives of so many who claim to be <u>Christians</u> in the world today. Division and strife so often separate those who claim to be the Sons of God.

So often, when a voice is heard that strikes a chord within us to which the spirit within responds, there is a negative reaction from many of God's people. Can such a situation arise among Christians today, where they can come together in <u>one accord</u> and in <u>one place</u>? I am certain that this is God's will and purpose, for the scriptures have declared it to be so. The purpose of this book is to encourage those who desire to

see all the promises of God fulfilled in a people walking on this earth in this our day.

It is time, Beloved, that we set our hearts to, *"love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might and thy neighbor as thyself."* Surely a child would respond to the voice of its father, but so many Christians have never heard Father's voice and do not even consider that to be important. The unity of the spirit can only be accomplished as each one of us listens to the <u>same voice of God</u> - and not just a preacher - and then become obedient to what He says.

The God who created all things and *holds all things together by the word of His power*, has a plan for every life on this earth. If we could understand this and choose to listen to His voice, it would save us from making foolish decisions, because He can see the tomorrows and the future which is hidden from mortal man. But we believe that we are smart enough to muddle our way through life with out any help from God.

God said to Adam, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." Surely I am not the only one who has asked the question, "Why is it that so many Christians today have no power over their own families, or over sickness, or over poverty or a host of other things, and in reality have become enslaved by habits and passions, struggling sometimes even in their marriages?

Did God mean what He said to that first man in creation - to have dominion over all the works of God's hands, and to subdue the earth? Beloved, it is time to seek the face of God and discover why so little that God has promised to us, is actually part of the reality of our lives today.

The world is waiting not for better preachers, but for those who can demonstrate the life that God has purposed for us to live today as an expression of the Christ of our true identity. This requires us to believe God and forsake the religious lies that have kept us as slaves to the false concepts concerning who we are and how God intends for us to live. This new life begins when we become obedient to the voice of the Christ dwelling within us today.

I want you to know that what Father is revealing in this study has had a very real impact upon my own life; it highlights the truths that we have missed along the way, making clear what I need to do to possess the <u>life</u> that Father has made available to all of us, so that we can become the true <u>Body of Christ</u> on the earth in this our day.

To be continued as Father opens to us more of the truth that makes us <u>free</u>.

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